(e) and (f). Several foreign airlines have increased their frequencies within their permissible capacity entitlements of frequencies/seats.

STATEMENT

Sector	Number of flights cancelled
India - Gulf	50
India - UK	20
India - Europe	46
India - US/Canada	02
Others	44
Total	162

[Translation]

Modernisation of Airports

1040. SHRI DATTA MEGHE
SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA
PROF. JITENDRA NATH DAS
SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH
SHRI RAMCHANDRA VEERAPPA
SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA
SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to upgrade, expand or modernise some airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details of such airports alongwith the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon;

(c) the details of the airports which are being upgraded/expanded/modernised at present; and

(d) the details of airports which are proposed to be upgraded/expanded/modernised during the year 1997?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M IBRAHIM): (a) to (d) Upgradation, expansion and modernisation of airports is a continuing process and is taken up in a phased manner depending upon projected requirements and availability of resources.

During the financial year 1996-97, Airports Authority of India has allocated Rs. 587.41 crores for upgradation/ modernisation of the following airports:

Ahmedabad, Amritsar, Aurangabad, Agra, Agartala, Bhubaneshwar, Bhuj, Bangalore, Bagdogra, Bhopal, Calcutta, Calicut, Delhi, Dabolim, Dibrugarh, Dimapur, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Imphal, Indore, Jabalpur, Jammu, Jaipur, Jodhpur, Kargil, Lilabari, Leh, Ludhiana, Madras, Mumbai, Patna, Port Blair, Porbandar, Raipur, Shimla, Silchar, Tezpur, Tirupati, Thiruvananthapuram, Udaipur, Varanasi and Vijayawada.

Guest Houses in Delhi

1041. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL
SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to regularise more guest houses in Delhi by issuing licences with a view to provide lodging facilities to the foreign tourists;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps taken by the Union Government for providing adequate lodging facilities to foreign tourists in Delhi/New Delhi;

(e) whether the Union Government have made any assessment regarding the number of tourists visiting India this year; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) to (c). There is no proposal or scheme of the Union Government to issue licences to guest houses in Delhi. This is a subject which comes under the purview of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi.

(d) Creation of infrastructure for providing lodging facilities such as hotels, guest houses is primarily in the private sector. To stimulate and promote investment in this sector, the Government offers various incentives and concessions. There are 50 classified hotels functioning in Delhi totalling about 7400 rooms and 6 approved projects which, on completion will add 886 rooms. In order to further augment existing accommodation, guidelines have been forwarded to the State Governments for formulating and implementing schemes for approving and registering paying guest accommodation.

(e) and (f). The number of foreign tourist arrivals during the period from 1st January, 1996 to 30th June, 1996 was 10,66,317. A target of 2.3 million foreign tourist arrivals has been fixed for the year 1996-97.

Delicensing of Sugar Industry

1042. SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH
SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision for delicensing of Sugar Industry;

(b) if so, when;

(c) if not whether the State Governments and Cooperative Sugar Industry are likely to be taken into confidence before taking such decision; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?